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SENT VIA EMAIL (w/COPY BY US MAIL)

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**Re: Request for Your Disqualification to Serve as Counsel
Meyers v Village of Oxford
MIED Case No.: 17-cv-10623**

Dear Mr. Davis:

This morning, I received the electronic filing of your appearance on behalf of all defendants for the above-referenced case. As you know, the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct applies to the conduct of our affairs. In this case, you have been named a party-defendant and, as I have previously indicated, you are a necessary witness in this case and cannot serve as counsel. MRPC 3.7 commands that "a lawyer shall not act as advocate at a trial in which the lawyer is likely to be a necessary witness." Federal courts routinely apply MRPC 3.7 as a basis to disqualify an attorney who is likely to be a witness and disqualify the firm by the imputation rule, MRPC 1.10. See e.g. *Aleynu, Inc. v. Universal Prop. Dev. and Acquisition Corp*, 564 F.Supp.2d 751 (2008).

Here, it is far more than mere 'likely' that you are a necessary witness. You were at the disputed January 2017 meeting; you are on video actively and passionately participating. You likely wrote the motion that President Bossardet utilized. You spoke and acted on behalf of the Village Council both at the January 2017 meeting and by your letter of January 13, 2017. You responded and acted on behalf of the Village in not providing a name clearing hearing. Your actions are inexplicitly intertwined with the facts that give rise to the current cause of action. As such, you cannot be counsel for all defendants under MRPC 3.7. I do not dispute, however, that you can be your own counsel should you desire to do so.

To that end, I request you withdraw as counsel of all defendants, except yourself, to avoid the on-going violation of MRPC 3.7. I am willing to supply the other defendants with needed time to obtain new counsel from an outside firm. If you fail to do so, I will be filing a motion with Chief Judge Denise Page Hood.

Please confirm your intent, in writing, to withdraw by Friday, March 17, 2017.

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip L. Ellison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Clients